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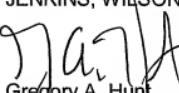
Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Request for First-Action Interview (Pilot Program) (Form PTO/SB/413C, 1 page);
2. An Amendment Transmittal (1 page); and
3. A Preliminary Amendment (8 pages).

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